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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

REVIEW - WEST PRESS

THE SHOOTING BY A WARSAW PACT WARSHIP AT A WEST GERMAN NAVY SUPPLY VESSEL, INJURING THREE SAILORS, IS UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MAIN NEWS ITEM OF ALL WEST BERLIN PAPERS TODAY.

OTHER MAJOR NEWS EVENTS INCLUDE THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS WHERE THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND SOCIALISTS

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MADE CONSIDERABLE GAINS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL); THE FACT THAT LEBANESE TERRORIST MOHAMMED HAMADEI, ACCUSED OF HIJACKING A TWA AIRLINER, WAS BROUGHT FACE TO FACE WITH AMERICAN WITNESSES OF THE CRIME (MOST PAPERS); REPORTS THAT THE PARENTS OF MATHIAS RUST, WHO LANDED HIS AIRCRAFT IN RED SQUARE AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY JAILED, GOT PERMISSION TO VISIT THEIR SON IN MOSCOW (MOST PAPERS); THE ESCAPE OF A GDR RESIDENT TO BAVARIA SUNDAY NIGHT (BERLINER MORGENPOST); A STATEMENT BY WEST BERLIN'S ANNIVERSARY THAT 5,300 ARE CURRENTLY HELD IN GDR PRISONS BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL CONVICTIONS (BERLINER MORGENPOST); THE FACT THAT LAST WEEKEND 17 CZECHOSLOVAKIANS AND 16 POLES DID NOT RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOLLOWING A VISIT TO THE FRG (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); AND THE DEATH OF TWO WEST BERLINERS IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON A TRANSIT ROAD (BERLINER MORGENPOST) .

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF:

TWO POLES YESTERDAY LANDED A SMALL AIRCRAFT AT TEMPELHOF AIRPORT IN AN UNAUTHORIZED FLIGHT FROM POLAND. FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, THEY FACED INQUIRIES BY A GERMAN COURT BECAUSE THEY HAD VIOLATED AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, THEY DID "NOT JEOPARDIZE AIR TRAFFIC," A SPOKESMAN SAID. THEY ARE BEING PROCESSED AS REFUGEES. (MOST PAPERS).

. FOLLOWING A ROCK-MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH A BRITISH GROUP UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EAST BERLIN'S FRIEDRICHSHAIN DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY 100 EAST GERMANS CHANTED SLOGANS CALLING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE WALL. POLICE DID NOT INTERVENE (MOST PAPERS).

- . SPORTS SENATOR LAURIEN WILL INTRODUCE A DISCUSSION WITH THE WESTERN ALLIES ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROPOSAL TO HOST OLYMPIC GAMES IN BERLIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SHE SAID BERLIN WILL WORK TOWARD HOSTING THE GAMES IN THE YEAR 2004. LAURIEN SAID STATUS QUESTIONS ARE NOT INVOLVED (VOLKSBLATT, DIE WELT).
- . BERLIN'S SPD AND AL HAVE CALLED FOR THE RESIGNATION OF INTERIOR SENATOR KEWENIG IN CONNECTION WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER POLICE OVERREACTION AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS DURING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO THE CITY. DURING A

MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY INTERIOR COMMITTEE KEWENIG DEFENDED THE MEASURES, SAYING THEY WERE REQUIRED TO PREVENT MORE DAMAGE (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

. CDU PARLIAMENTARIAN LEGIEN REFERRED TO A RECENT MEETING OF THE FREE UNIVERSITY ASTA STUDENT COMMITTEE AS PREPARATION FOR ANTI-REAGAN ACTIVITIES. FALSE INVITATIONS TO ATTEND PRESIDENT REAGAN'S BRANDENBURG GATE SPEECH WERE ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MEETING ALONG WITHLEAFLETS CALLED FOR KEEPING THE CITY'S DOWN-TOWN AREA UNDER SIEGE DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. "A PRIVATE AIRLIFT TO MARK BERLIN'S ANNIVERSARY YEAR" IS THE TITLE OF A DIE WELT REPORT ON A "POLITICALLY IMPORTANT BRIDGE TO YOUNG AMERICANS." BERLIN SPD PARLIAMENTARIANS ALEXANDER LONGOLIUS AND DETLEF PRINZ INVITED 250 YOUNG AMERICANS TO VISIT BERLIN. OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE SPONSORS DONATED DM

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100,000. THE AMERICANS WILL TRAVEL TO BERLIN NEXT

TUESDAY.

- THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS IN A STATEMENT MENTIONS THAT CHARLES WICK, DIRECTOR OF USIA, CONSIDERS VALENTIN FALIN, CHIEF OF THE NOVOSTIJ NEWS AGENCY AND FORMER SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG, TO BE A STALINIST (BERLINER MORGENPOST).
- TCA COMMANDER COLONEL LONNIE R. SPIVEY PAID A FAREWELL VISIT TO GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN AND GAVE HIM AN AERIAL PHOTO OF THE AIRPORT (BERLINER MORGENPOST).
- . EAST AND WEST GERMAN CHRISTIAN PEACE GROUPS IN A MEMORANDUM HAVE CALLED FOR INCREASED EAST-WEST CONTACTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND DEMANDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES' LAWS ON NATIONALITY BE CHANGED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY NO LONGER POSE OBSTACLES FOR SUCH CONTACTS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

- . LOW-BUDGET AND FAMILY FARES WILL BE OFFERED BY PAN AM FOR FLIGHTS BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE FRG DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 22 TO AUGUST 23. THE SPECIAL FARES AND STAND-BY RATES APPLY FOR CERTAIN FLIGHTS ONLY (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).
- REPRESENTATIVES OF BERLIN TENANT ASSOCIATIONS YESTERDAY IN BONN PROTESTED THE PLANNED LIFTING OF RENT CONTROL IN BERLIN WHICH IS TO BE ENFORCED FOLLOWING AN INTERIM PERIOD WHEN CERTAIN RENT REGULATIONS REMAIN EFFECTIVE (BERLINER MORGENPOST, DER TAGESSPIEGEL).
- . THE FDP ELECTION SCANDAL IS GAINING MOMENTUM. FOLLOWING THE SUSPENSION OF FDP MANAGER LANGROCK FROM HIS JOB IN LIGHT OF ALLEGED ELECTION MANIPULATION,

DAHLEM'S LOCAL FDP GROUP IN A LETTER TO FDP CHAIRMAN
RASCH DEMANDED THAT LANGROCK'S WIFE, WHO IS ALSO WORKING
FOR THE PARTY, BE REMOVED FROM HER POSITION (DER
TAGESSPIEGEL).

. INTERIOR SENATOR LUMMER HAS CALLED FOR HOLDING ALL ELECTIONS BOTH STATE AND GENERAL, IN WEST GERMANY ON JUNE 17, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPRISING IN EAST BERLIN IN 1953 (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

REVIEW - EAST PRESS

. ALL EAST BERLIN DAILIES GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S EXCHANGE OF VIEWS UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH GDR PARTY AND STATE CHIEF ERICH HONECKER, FOCUSING ON THE PROSPECTS FOR DISARMAMENT AND EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IN A MESSAGE TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL SIMULTANEOUSLY PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK AND BERLIN, HONECKER MAKES A CASE FOR THE GDR/CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PROPOSAL FOR CREATING A NUCLEAR-FREE CORRIDOR IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WHICH HAS THE EXPRESSED BACKING OF THE SOVIET UNION. A DISCUSSION BETWEEN DE CUELLAR AND GDR PREMIER WILLI STOPH CENTERED ON THE GDR'S ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. PRIOR TO A DINNER IN HONOR OF PEREZ DE CUELLAR, THE GUEST PRESENTED GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER WITH THE MEDAL OF THE UN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG FULL TEXT OF TOASTS).

COMMENTARY - WEST PRESS

OLYMPIC GAMES IN BERLIN

- . TABLOID BZ IN A PAGE-TWO COMMENTARY SAYS: "THE IDEA WAS BORN AND THE DISCUSSION ON IT SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. IT WAS PRESIDENT REAGAN WHO PROPOSED THAT OLYMPIC GAMES BE HELD IN BOTH PARTS OF BERLIN.
- . "NOT ONLY POLITICIANS CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THE IDEA BUT ALSO AN OLYMPIC EXPERT SUCH AS (WEST GERMAN) NOC PRESIDENT WILLI DAUME. ONE SHOULD DEAL WITH THE IDEA PATIENTLY AND WITH A SMOOTH TOUCH.

. "FAINTHEARTEDNESS UNDER THE MOTTO IT'S NO USE' IS UNCALLED FOR. THE KREMLIN CHIEF AFTER ALL SPEAKS OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING EVERY WEEK. THIS IS AN

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OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD.

. "COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA ALSO WANTS ITS SHARE IN THE 1988 OLYMPICS IN SOUTH KOREA. THIS DEMAND IS BY AND LARGE RECOGNIZED. WHAT IS RIGHT FOR DIVIDED KOREA

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SHOULD BE PROPER FOR DIVIDED BERLIN."

SHOOTING AT GERMAN NAVY SHIP

THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST ON PAGE-TWO IN A COMMENTARY TITLED "PIRATES" SAYS: "...THE SPOKESMAN IN BONN, A COLONEL, SUPPOSED THAT HUMAN OR TECHNICAL FAILURE CAUSED THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, THE NATIONALITY OF THE SHOOTISTS REMAINS UNCLEAR, HE SAID. THE OFFICER ALSO IS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER RELIEF ASSISTANCE WAS OFFERED. INSTEAD, HE KNOWS THAT BONN UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKES A RELAXED APPROACH TO THE EVENT.

. "WHETHER THIS INVENTOR OF CALMNESS WOULD REMAIN SO RELAXED WHEN HE COMES UNDER ATTACK IS QUESTIONABLE. BONN'S SILENCE IS HARDLY UNDERSTANDABLE. THE OTHER SIDE COULD MISUNDERSAND IT AS A CALL FOR MORE PIRACY."

PRO-SPD VOLKSBLATT IN A PAGE-FOUR COMMENTARY SAYS:
"THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IN BONN YESTERDAY REACTED WITH
SURPRIZING CIRCUMSPECTION TO THE SHOOTING, AND ONE CAN
ONLY HOPE IT WILL ADHERE TO THAT APPROACH. THERE IS THE
REAL DANGER THAT SOME GINGER MEN IN BONN WILL USE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE OBSTACLES FOR THE DISARMAMENT
EFFORTS..."

KGB SPIES

THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST POINTS TO THE TRIAL OF MARGERT HOEKE, SECRETARY OF THE FRG PRESIDENT, CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KGB, AND SAYS: "NEITHER THE SECURITY COMMISSIONER OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE NOR THE FRG COUNTER INTELLIGENCE OFFICE HAD NOTICED THAT THE FRIEND OF THE LADY WAS A KGB OFFICER. NO LESSON WAS LEARNED FROM THE MANY PREVIOUS CASES OF 'ROMEO AGENTS' WHO MADE FRIENDS WITH SECRETARIES IN BONN.

THE COURT INTENDS TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM THE HEARING WHENEVER ONE OF 1,717 SECRET DOCUMENTS WHICH MARGERT HOEKE SUPPLIED TO MOSCOW IS TO BE DISCUSSED. SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO MOSCOW ANYHOW, THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC CERTAINLY ONLY SERVES TO PROTECT THE COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FROM COMPLETE UNCLASSIFIED

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REVELATION OF ITS FAILURE.

. "IF IT IS TRUE THAT ALL THOSE THINGS ARE REVEALED AS ASSUMED BY THE PROSECUTOR, THEN THE LADY WAS THE KGB'S MOST RESOURCEFUL LEAK EVER IN BONN." KORNBLUM

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